

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: School reopening 8th March 2021

As I am sure you are aware, the Prime Minister has announced that schools will reopen to all pupils on **8th March**. Since the announcement, staff have been working extremely hard in preparation for our return to school on the 8th March. We're very much looking forward to welcoming all pupils from Nursery to Year 6 on that day.

Attendance

From 8th March, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply.

- As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:
- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has taken a test or has tested positive

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are **clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school**. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice. Please contact the school office if your child is clinically extremely vulnerable or is absent due to COVID. For pupils who are self-isolating or shielding, teachers will upload work tasks to the school website, provide work packs that can be collected from school and communicate through Marvellous Me and the Year Group email.

Our safety measures: To support the children returning to school, we are doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school safely. We'll be taking the following protective measures to keep everyone safe:

- We will continue with frequent hand washing for 20 seconds, regular use of hand sanitiser and routines such as "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it". Hand sanitiser is available in school.
- A one-way system will be used around school.
- Children will continue be in Year Group bubbles. The children will stay in their "bubbles" for break and lunchtimes and staggered times will be used for break and lunchtime. Bubbles will use an allocated outdoor space. Children who have sandwiches will eat in the classroom. Children who have requested a school dinner will go to the hall. Wherever possible adults will try to maintain a level of social distancing.
- Additional cleaning will continue in school.
- Equipment used in the bubble will not be shared with another year group. Any curriculum equipment that is shared will be wiped and sanitised for up to 72 hours.
- Staff are engaging with regular lateral flow testing.
- Staff will wear face coverings in all communal areas around school and when meeting parents at the start and end of the day. Parents are encouraged to wear a face covering when entering the school site and main office area. Masks are available for parents/ carers. Primary school children do not need to wear a face covering or mask.

Procedures for going to and from school:

- In the morning the main gates will open from 8.30 to 8.55am to allow for a staggered school start. All classrooms will be open during this time to minimize congestion on the school site. At the end of the school day the gate will open at 3pm to let the collection time begin. All children should be collected by 3.15pm. If you need to speak to a teacher or member of staff at the end of the day- please contact the school office to make an appointment. Staff will be available to support the children's return to school.
- Breakfast club and "6 o'clock" club will be open- please book places as soon as possible through the school office.
- Wherever possible parents should maintain social distancing and not gather in groups on the school site.

What pupils can take to and from school: Children should try to limit the personal items they bring from home. Toys and pencil cases should be left at home to avoid unnecessary sharing.

- PE kits (labelled) should be sent into school and kept in lockers or on pegs.
- School will provide all classroom equipment.
- Lunchboxes, water bottles, reading books and diary should be brought into school and taken home every day.

Information about uniform: For many of the children it will be the first time they have worn their school uniform and school shoes since before Christmas. We completely understand that some children will have grown out of their jumpers, trousers, shoes etc. We have a small stock of uniform available in school for families to have. Please contact the school office if you need support with uniform.

Trips and swimming: Following government guidance, trips and swimming will not take place until further notice. However, teachers may plan for visitors to come into school to support the curriculum.

Staffing and Additional Teaching Capacity: To avoid mixing with other year group classes all children will now be taught within their year group. This means that teaching groups for English and Maths can be increased. Any additional information regarding interventions, small group teaching and additional support will be shared by Year Leaders. Due to staff absence 1B will be taught by Mrs Fadian for this half term.

School Devices: Throughout the lockdown period school has been able to loan out over 90 different devices. From Monday 8th March- Friday 12th March all devices should be returned to the school office to be checked back into school.

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please contact the school office to speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Flemings, Miss Reynolds or myself. Please remember to book your parent consultation meeting. Parents of class 1E will book an appointment with Mrs Rock.

We'd also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home. We'll continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sugars

Headteacher